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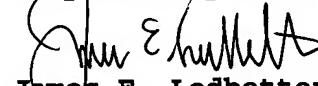
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and (2), that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 30, 2004 be entered. The fee under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2) was submitted on November 30, 2004.

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 30, 2004 was first cited in a communication (Supplemental European Search Report dated October 6, 2004) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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